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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on January 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 34, 1/2/2017; SB 2, 1/2/2017; SB 39, 1/2/2017

HEARING ON SB 34

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 34, Amend laws related to an urban renewal agency board of commissioners.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:06:48 Bill Bronson, Great Falls City Commission
00:15:57 Doug Russell, City of Kalispell
00:20:31 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
00:21:30 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:36 Sen. Sesso
00:27:03 Sen. Hoven
00:27:24 Sen. Sesso
00:29:07 Sen. Hoven

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:58 Sen. Hoven

HEARING ON SB 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:02 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 2, Clarify county commission quorum requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:57 Mike Murray, Helena
00:43:33 Jason Rittal, Fallon County
00:45:30 Rep. Denley Loge, HD 14
00:47:23 John Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:43 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)
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00:55:34 Dewey Bruce, Montana Broadcasters Association (MBA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:19 Sen. MacDonald
00:59:50 Mr. MacDonald, MNA
01:04:06 Sen. MacDonald
01:04:38 Mr. MacDonald
01:06:36 Sen. Buttrey
01:06:59 Sen. Connell
01:07:23 Sen. Buttrey
01:08:09 Sen. Connell
01:09:03 Sen. Lang
01:09:15 Sen. Connell
01:09:51 Sen. Gauthier
01:10:13 Sen. Connell

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:42 Sen. Connell

HEARING ON SB 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:14 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 39, Repeal notification of county commission re: organization of conservation district.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:37 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
01:20:32 Elena Evans, Montana Association of Conservation Districts
01:21:08 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:59 Sen. Richmond

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:24 PM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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